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PART I

IMPORTANT GOVERNMENT ORDERS

GENERAL SECRETARIAT

Passes orders *re* the grant of timber at concession rates to public institutions.

READ—

Correspondence ending with letter No. Sl. 16-154-46, dated 24th August 1946, from the Chief Conservator of Forests, furnishing his opinion in the matter of the policy of issuing timber at concession rates to public institutions.

ORDER No. A. F. 2873-77—Ft. 25-45-77, DATED BANGALORE, THE 14TH NOVEMBER 1946.

The question of revising the policy in regard to the issue of timber to institutions at concession rates has been under the consideration of Government for some time past. Of the timber output of forests in Mysore, 80 per cent is of the non-teak species, teak accounting only for 20 per cent and a good proportion of this relatively small output of teak is absorbed by Government Departments, such as Railways, Public Works, etc., the remaining quantity being made available to the public by retail and mostly by auction sale.

It is also reported that a good slice of teak made available to the public goes to meet the demand for this species of timber from private gentlemen or associations, for the construction of buildings either for public or religious purposes and that supplies in this behalf are made at a concession of 25 per cent. As the position with regard to the availability of teak is very restricted, the Chief Conservator of Forests reports that such demands cannot be easily met and that if non-teak species, which are more or less as good as teak for building purposes (in some cases after treatment), and which are available in larger quantities, are to be made more popular, the supply of teak at concession rates has to be discontinued or very much curtailed.

In these circumstances and in view of the need for a revision of the existing policy in this matter, Government are pleased to direct that the following modifications be adopted for the present, subject to subsequent revision in the light of the experience gained :—

(*a*) In the case of buildings undertaken by private gentlemen or institutions for which money grants have been or are proposed to be sanctioned by Government, no teak will be supplied to them either at concession or at schedule rates. They should obtain their requirements in the open market. In case they require non-teak species, a quantity not exceeding 500 c.ft. of such timber, according to actual requirements, may be made available to them at a concession rate of 20 per cent.

(*b*) In the case of buildings which are intended for public purposes and which do not receive or have not received any grants, timber may be supplied at 20 per cent concession, up to a maximum of 500 c.ft. of which teak and non-teak may be in the proportion of 1 to 2, teakwood supplied being of the girth below 54". For being eligible for this concession, the parties concerned should give a declaration that they have not received any grant from Government nor would they apply for such grant.

Government may, however, allow relaxation of the above stipulations in special cases, to the extent necessary and on such terms as they may specify in each individual case on merits.

MOHAMED ISMAIL SHERIFF, *Gen. Secy.*

DEVELOPMENT SECRETARIAT

Directs a modified procedure in regard to the requests regarding concessions and facilities for establishing industries.

READ—

G. O. No. D. 4856-925—I. & C. 278-45-1, dated the 29th December 1945, publishing, for general information, the general policy of Government in regard to the grant of concessions and facilities for the establishment of industries in the State.

ORDER No. D. 3369-448—I. & C. 278-45-2, DATED BANGALORE, THE 28TH NOVEMBER 1946.

Government are pleased to direct that, in future, the Companies or Promoters of Industries will approach Government direct with their requests instead of their making separate applications to each of the Heads of the Departments concerned.

2. The Government Order read in the preamble will stand modified to this extent.

C. E. NORONHA, *Dev. Secy.*